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NEW WEST HUDSON OFFICE

As part of its continuing policy to expand to meet human needs, Family Service Bureau of Newark in cooperation with leading citizens of West Hudson opened an office in Kearny in July, 1969. The office, located at 545 Kearny Avenue, is open Monday through Friday and is under the direction of Thomas P. Cassels, M.S.W.

A study of the need for a family counseling facility located in West Hudson was made by the West Hudson Community Council, planning arm of the United Community Fund. This led to the re-establishment of the new office.

Under the leadership of John A. Magullian, president of the Community Council, the study committee included Frank Monaco, principal of Lincoln School, Kearny, chairman, Thomas Cifelli, superintendent of the Harrison Water Department and David Carlson, executive vice-president of the West Hudson - South Bergen Chamber of Commerce.

The specific types of problems which the new office is equipped to handle include pre-marriage counseling, marital relationships, parent-child relationships, casework service to the unmarried mother, counseling for old-



Planning for the new family counseling office in Kearny, standing, left to right, are Edward V. Kilduff, executive director of the Family Service Bureau of Newark, Belleville, Irvington, and West Hudson, Thomas Cifelli, superintendent of the Harrison Water Department. Seated, left to right, are Francis A. Wood, M.D., immediate past president of Family Service Bureau of Newark, Frank Monaco, principal of Lincoln School, Kearny and John A. Magullian, president of the West Hudson Community Council.

er citizens and the parent who is widowed, separated or divorced, and family problems in mental illness.

VIRGINIA VOIGT ELECTED PRESIDENT

Miss Virginia Voigt, professor at Seton Hall University, was elected the new president of Family Service Bureau at the December meeting of the Board of Trustees.

Miss Voigt succeeds Francis A. Wood, M.D., who has served two consecutive terms as president of the agency.

Miss Voigt has been a member of the Board of Trustees of Family Service Bureau for 15 years. She has served on all of the committees of the Board.

Virginia Voigt, newly elected president receives gavel from Dr. Francis A. Wood, who served as Family Service Bureau president for the past four years.



FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU HIGHLIGHTS TO DECEMBER 31, 1969

PROBLEMS HANDLED	SERVICES RENDERED IN 1969
PREMARITAL COUNSELING	2,525 families served
MARITAL RELATIONSHIPS	11,945 individuals involved
PARENT-CHILD RELATIONSHIPS	16,381 in-person interviews
COUNSELING INDIVIDUALS REGARDING PERSONAL ADJUSTMENTS	13,199 telephone interviews
COUNSELING THE UNMARRIED MOTHER	997 joint interviews
COUNSELING THE OLDER CITIZENS	411 multiple interviews
COUNSELING THE PARENT, WIDOWED, DIVORCED OR SEPARATED	270 group therapy sessions
	570 group education sessions

PARTICIPATION OF FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU IN COMMUNITY PROJECTS

ENABLE	4 neighborhood discussion groups each lasting 10 weeks . . . 1,377 parents involved.
MOUNT CARMEL GUILD NARCOTIC PROGRAM....	78 group sessions 9,000 client hours of group therapy 40 families involved
NEWARK VICTORIA — CALL TO LEARNING (VICTORIA FOUNDATION)	casework service to 31 families embracing 89 children and 40 adults in cooperative program with Newark Board of Education and other Newark social agencies.
T.E.A.M.	1960 T.E.A.M. enrollees received Sensitivity Training under guidance of Family Service Bureau social workers. 291 families received counseling services during their stay in program.
JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT (TURRELL FUND)	casework treatment, counseling for parents, group therapy for adults and children to 71 families of juveniles in cooperation with the courts.

FAMILY SERVICE OUT AND INTO THE COMMUNITY

MARY S. FAWCETT, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., A.G.P.A., is well known in the Newark area for her 16 years of work in counseling at agency headquarters with individuals and groups and, particularly, for her work in the community as director of two programs of which she is especially proud because of the positive progress being made:

MOUNT CARMEL GUILD NARCOTICS PROGRAM

Since 1964, the Family Service Bureau has cooperated with the Mount Carmel Guild in its program to rehabilitate narcotics users. The Mount Carmel Guild program is interracial and nonsectarian. It is the oldest such program in Essex County.

With growing experience and awareness of the problems involved in drug addiction, the Family Service Bureau is providing group psychotherapy to the families of drug users coming to the Guild for help.

We have found that they are indeed families under stress and that the rehabilitation of the addict is more rapidly and permanently accomplished when family unity and strength is restored, says Mrs. Fawcett.

The Family Service Bureau also provides individual therapy to women who are users of narcotics. The families of women users are included in the family group psychotherapy sessions.

ESSEX COUNTY JUVENILE COURT PROGRAM

The Family Service Bureau works closely with the Juvenile Court in an effort to prevent juvenile delinquency. Youngsters whose parents appeal to the court for help in con-



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trolling their child's behavior are referred to Family Service Bureau for further exploration and evaluation of the problem with the child.

The normal range of casework service is made available; individual counseling with child and parents, group counseling of mothers of predelinquents, and referral to psychiatric, medical and psychological resources as required. The use of the casework aide has proven very valuable as a bridge to understanding between the client, the agency and the court.

Boys who are referred to this special program meet with an experienced group leader at the Juvenile Court. Girls receive individual counseling at the Family Service Bureau agency. Families of both boys and girls receive help from the Family Service Bureau.

An outstanding feature of this activity by the Court and Family Service Bureau is that if the child's behavior improves and family unity and balance are restored, the case is closed by the Court and the child has no record of juvenile delinquency.

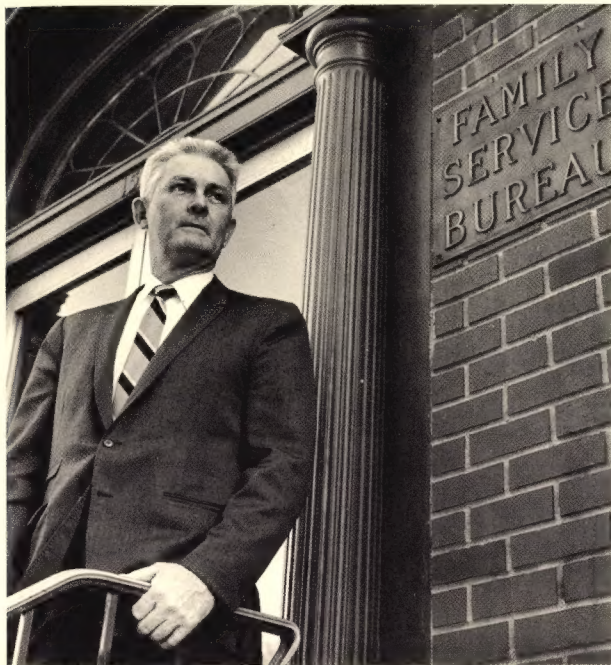
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As we move into the decade of the seventies, Family Service Bureau of Newark will stay alert to meet and help solve serious social problems affecting families and individuals in Newark and the surrounding communities served by our agency staff.

Our findings and statistics show clearly that family breakdown and emotional problems within individuals continue to rise. This is true in suburban communities as well as in the inner city.

We will continue to use our agency's resources to the maximum in meeting these problems head-on — both at the individual level and on a community-wide basis acting as a cooperating agency together with other community agencies.

We must have the continued and the increased financial support to carry on the vital work. We hope we will receive the support of all civic-minded citizens and enlightened agencies and foundations in our efforts.



EDWARD V. KILDUFF, M.S.W., A.C.S.W.
Executive Director



Mrs. Catherine Ashman
Intake Coordinator

Mrs. Eleanor Hynes
Secretary



FAMILY SERVICE BUREAU

is a non-sectarian agency, serving people regardless of national origin, religious affiliation or color of skin.

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